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May 15, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
APRIL 17, 2007 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA, ITEM
NUMBER 26**

On April 17, 2007, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, your Board directed Community and Senior Services (CSS) to report back with a plan to identify services in the Title III-E Family Caregiver Support program. The Board letter asked for authorization to distribute \$2.9 million in One-Time-Only (OTO) funds among contract agencies and pointed out that roughly \$276,000 in Title III-E funds remained unallocated.

As background information, in October 2006, we received notice from the California Department of Aging (CDA) of nearly \$3,147,000 in OTO funds. Your Board approved distributing \$2,870,000 to 32 agencies. The funding was approved for the purchase of equipment, temporary services and special projects that increase the services to our senior population.

To identify additional services in the Title III-E program, we have done the following:

- On April 18, 2007, we held a conference call with our network of contract agencies and encouraged them to apply for the use of these funds to provide caregiver services. So far, we have received requests to use roughly \$200,000 for various Title III-E-related services. All requests are under review and, if the project meets the eligibility requirements under the caregiver program, the funding will be distributed to each contract agency.
- To increase awareness on activities that meet the Title III-E requirements, we asked the CDA to provide technical support to our network of contract agencies. We have scheduled training on the caregiver program on May 31st.

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- If we are unable to spend all funds by June 30, 2007, we have received reasonable assurances from the State that any unspent Title III-E funds will remain available next fiscal year. These funds will be used in a new RFP for Title III-E funding that we plan to release this summer.

My staff and I are available to provide further information if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia D. Banks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cynthia" being more prominent than the last name "Banks".

Cynthia D. Banks
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c: David E. Janssen
Bryce Yokomizo
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